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REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6-15 remain pending in the application, claim 1 being

canceled herein.

There are no new issues, nor is further search required, as a result

of the amendments made herein. It is therefore respectfully requested that the

Amendment be entered.

Allowed Claims 4 and 6-15

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 4

and 6-15 are allowed.

Claim 1 over Shimada

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being

anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,922,073 to Shimada ("Shimada"). The Applicants

respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 is canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection. It is

respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is

respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance

and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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